



COLLEGE TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE REORGANIZATION AND REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Monday, February 9, 2026

7:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting (In-Person or via Zoom)

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CALL TO ORDER:

ZOOM MEETING PROTOCOL:

OPEN DISCUSSION (ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA/CITIZENS COMMENTS):

CONSENT AGENDA: CA-1 January 12, 2026 Meeting Minutes
(Approval)

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: NB-1 Draft 5-Year Plan
(Discussion/Approval)

PARK REPORTS: Attached

Park	Representative
Bike Paths	Simpson
Cairns Crossing	Sittler
CRPR	Matason
Dalevue	Schulte
Fieldstone	Schulte

Fogleman Fields	Simpson
Fogleman Overlook	Schulte
Glenn Park	Smith
Gordon D. Kissinger Meadow	Sittler
Harris Acres	Moore
Limerock Terrace	Smith
Millbrook Marsh	Matason
Mountainside	Smith
Mt. Nittany Terrace	Smith
Nittany Orchard	Sittler
Oak Grove	Schulte
Panorama	Moore
Penn Hills	Schulte
Shamrock	Moore
Slab Cabin	Moore
Slab Cabin Overlook	Simpson
Spring Creek Park	Simpson
Spring Creek Estates	Sittler
Stoney Batter Natural Area	Sittler
Thompson Woods Parklet	Moore
Thompson Woods Preserve	Moore
Public Works	Kerner
Planning Commission	Meyers

STAFF INFORMATIVES: SI-1 Member Reappointment Letter
SI-2 First Energy – Community Tree Program

OTHER MATTERS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

UPCOMING MEETING: Monday, March 9, 2026 at 7:00pm

ADJOURNMENT:



COLLEGE TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, January 12, 2026
1481 E. College Avenue State College PA 16801
Hybrid Meeting (In-Person or via Zoom)

**ATTENDED BY –
P&R COMMITTEE:**

Earl Moore, Chair
 Judi Sittler, Vice Chair
 Kathy Matason
 Dave Schulte
 Jude Simpson
 Sue Smith

STAFF:

Amy Kerner, P.E., Public Works Director
 Keri Kenepf, Community & Economic Development Director
 Sharon Meyers, Sr. Support Specialist – Engineering/Planning

CALL TO ORDER:

Ms. Kerner, temporary Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

ZOOM MEETING PROTOCOL:

Ms. Kerner confirmed that one committee member was attending via Zoom and reviewed the applicable meeting protocol. She then introduced Ms. Keri Kenepf, the newly promoted Community and Economic Development Director, who will be attending College Township Parks and Recreation Committee meetings more regularly. Ms. Kenepf provided a brief overview of her professional background and expressed her enthusiasm for working collaboratively with the committee and Ms. Kerner to better serve the community.

REORGANIZATION:

Ms. Kerner called for nomination for the 2026 Chair of College Township Parks and Recreation Committee.

Ms. Smith nominated Mr. Earl Moore as CT Parks and Recreation Chair for the year 2026.

Mr. Moore accepted the nomination.

Ms. Sittler moved to closed nominations and elect Mr. Moore as Chair of the College Township Parks and Recreation Committee for the year 2026.

Ms. Matason seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Kerner called for nominations for the 2026 Vice-Chair of the College Township Parks and Recreation Committee.

Ms. Simpson nominated Ms. Judi Sittler as CT Parks and Recreation Vice-Chair for the year 2026.

Ms. Sittler accepted the nomination.

Ms. Matason moved to close nominations and elect Ms. Sittler as Vice-Chair of the College Township Parks and Recreation Committee for the year 2026.

Ms. Smith seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Kerner turned the gavel over to Vice-Chair Sittler for the remainder of the meeting.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

Ms. Smith noted that she will reach out to the applicant regarding the Mountainside Park service project in order to keep the project moving forward.



CONSENT AGENDA:

CA-1 November 10, 2025 Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

The committee reviewed the draft minutes and discussed a few edits and clarifications.

Ms. Matason moved to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2025 meeting as amended.

Ms. Simpson seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

OB-1 College Township Parks and Recreation Committee 2025 Annual Report DRAFT

Ms. Sittler asked members to provide any comments or proposed changes prior to finalizing the 2025 Annual Report. Ms. Matason submitted an updated biography to the recording secretary prior to the meeting. Mr. Schulte requested that his biography from his 2024 Annual Report be used in place of the draft version.

The committee discussed a few additional minor edits, including removing Centred Basketball from the list of Spring Creek Park activities, as the organization is no longer active, and correcting “Bicycle Path” to “Bicycle Paths” in the Inventory of Facilities section, along with other minor revisions.

Ms. Matason moved to approve the College Township Parks and Recreation Committee 2025 Annual Report as amended.

Ms. Simpson seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: No *New Business* was presented.

PARK REPORTS:

Ms. Sittler asked Ms. Kerner to review the park representative assignments for 2026. The assignments for the year 2026 are as follows:

Bike Paths will be represented by Ms. Jude Simpson.

Cairns Crossing will be represented by Ms. Judi Sittler.

Centre Region Parks & Recreation Authority will be represented by Ms. Kathy Matason.

Dalvue will be represented by Mr. Dave Schulte.

Fieldstone will be represented by Mr. Dave Schulte.

Fogleman Fields will be represented by Ms. Jude Simpson.

Fogleman Overlook will be represented by Mr. Dave Schulte.

Glenn Park will be represented by Ms. Sue Smith.

Gordon D. Kissinger Meadow will be represented by Ms. Judi Sittler.

Harris Acres will be represented by Mr. Earl Moore.

Limerock Terrace will be represented by Ms. Sue Smith.

Millbrook Marsh will be represented by Ms. Kathy Matadon.

Mountainside Park will be represented by Ms. Sue Smith.

Mt. Nittany Terrace will be represented by Ms. Sue Smith.

Nittany Orchard Park will be represented by Ms. Judi Sittler.

Oak Grove will be represented by Mr. Dave Schulte.

Panorama will be represented by Mr. Earl Moore.

Penn Hills will be represented by Mr. Dave Schulte.

Shamrock will be represented by Mr. Earl Moore.

Slab Cabin Park will be represented by Mr. Earl Moore.

Slab Cabin Overlook will be represented by Ms. Jude Simpson.

Spring Creek Park will be represented by Ms. Jude Simpson.

Spring Creek Estates will be represented by Ms. Judi Sittler.

Stoney Batter Natural Area will be represented by Ms. Judi Sittler.

Thompson Woods Parklet will be represented by Mr. Earl Moore.

Thomson Woods Preserve will be represented by Mr. Earl Moore.

Updates of Public Works will be presented by Ms. Amy Kerner.

Updates of Planning Commission will be presented by Ms. Sharon Meyers.



In addition to written park reports included in the meeting packet, the following verbal parks reports were provided:

Dalevue: Mr. Schulte noted that some forsythia had been trimmed, but additional trimming is needed near the parking area. He also reported a brush pile near the pavilion that requires removal.

Fogleman Overlook: Mr. Schulte reported several dead trees that need to be removed.

Mountainside: Ms. Smith noted a piece of firewood near the entrance driveway that should be removed.

Oak Grove: Mr. Schulte thanked the crew for removing the dead trees and noted that remaining logs could be donated for fire pits in Slab Cabin Park. He also asked about an orange cone marking the location of a removed water fountain. Ms. Kerner explained the fountain had been damaged and removed and will be replaced, though its future location has not yet been determined.

Penn Hills: Mr. Schulte reported scrap wood that needs removal and asked about the general schedule for park trash removal.

Spring Creek Park: Ms. Simpson reported that a previously cordoned-off tree has been removed.

Public Works: Ms. Kerner noted that the Public Works crew recently installed a bench, trash receptacle, and sign at Slab Cabin Overlook, as recommended during the committee's annual park tour in June 2025.

STAFF INFORMATIVES:

SI-1 2026 Approved Budget Items for CT Parks and Recreation Committee

Ms. Kerner reviewed a spreadsheet outlining the approved 2026 budget items for the committee. She noted that several projects and items were removed from the budget but encouraged the committee to remain engaged and continue planning efforts, particularly as they prepare for discussions related to the five-year plan.

SI-2 Spring Creek Estates Update

Ms. Kerner reported that Clearwater Conservancy will be expanding the sewer service area to include their new building, which will involve boring under Spring Creek near Spring Creek Estates. The project is expected to begin prior to April 1, 2026. The Township is aware of the work, and committee members were advised not to be alarmed by the presence of heavy equipment.

SI-3 Gordon D. Kissinger Meadow Update

Ms. Kerner informed the committee that University Area Joint Authority will be accessing the meadow to perform routine maintenance on their beneficial reuse water system. No timeline has been provided at this time.

OTHER MATTERS:

Mr. Moore inquired about fencing recently installed at Millbrook Marsh and whether it has been effective in preventing deer access, noting that the Thompson Woods Preserve Committee is exploring similar options. Ms. Matason stated she would gather additional information and advise Mr. Moore.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: No additional announcements were made.

UPCOMING MEETING:

Monday, February 9, 2026 at 7:00pm



ADJOURNMENT:

Ms. Matason moved to adjourn the January 12, 2026 Parks and Recreation Committee meeting.

Ms. Sittler adjourned the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Draft

Sharon E. Meyers
Recording Secretary

	Description	Grant/ Service Project	2025 (5year plan)	2025 (budget)	2026 Budget	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Comments
Neighborhood Parks											
Bike Path	Patching & Resurfacing							\$7,000			
Bike Path	Winter Maintenance			\$4,160	\$4,285						
Bike Path	Pine Replacement prior 2024(15; 1 gal.; \$40 each)		\$600	\$600	\$600						
Bike Path	Pine Replacement from 2024(40; 1 gal.; \$40 each)					\$1,600					
Cairnes Crossing	Boardwalk repairs		\$1,700	\$1,700	\$1,700						
Cairnes Crossing	Invasive mitigation					\$1,000					
Crossing	Streambank Planting						\$1,500				
Fieldstone	Pavilion						\$15,000				
Fogleman Overlook	Parking reconfiguration		\$7,500	\$7,500							
Fogleman Overlook	Pave parking access				\$19,500						
Fogleman Overlook	Pave parking area					\$24,000					
Glenn Park											
GDK Meadow	Stormwater management					\$5,000					
GDK Meadow	Pollinator plot (spray invasives-if needed)		\$650	\$650		\$650	\$650	\$650	\$650		

Harris Acres	Pave access path		\$10,000			\$10,000				
Harris Acres	(Atherton)									TBD
Limerock Terrace										
Mountainside			\$2,500	\$2,500						
Mt Nittany Terrace	Basketball court (widen to 50' with 3pt arc)		\$10,000	\$10,000						
Mt Nittany Terrace	Future improvements associated w/Manor Dev							\$10,000		
Oak Grove	Expand path 375' to Elizabeth Road					\$6,500				
Oak Grove	Basketball court (widen to 50' with 3pt arc)					\$10,000				
Panorama										
Penn Hills	Baseball field improvements		\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000					
Penn Hills	Play equipment					\$40,000				
Penn Hills	Basketball Court						\$17,136			
Penn Hills	Pavilion refurbishment							\$2,500		
Shamrock	Relocate slide from Slab Cabin		\$3,000			\$3,000				
Shamrock	Extend walking path around perimeter					\$1,000				
Slab Cabin Overlook	Amenities		\$3,000							

Slab Cabin Overlook	Future Improvements					\$5,000					
Spring Creek Estates											
Stoney Batter	Stormwater management		\$15,000	\$2,500		\$15,000					
Stoney Batter	Access control										
Thompson Woods Parklet	Tree removal		\$3,500	\$3,500							
Thompson Woods Parklet	Future Improvements						\$10,000				
Local Park Totals			62450	38110	31085	122750	44286	13150		0	
Regional Parks											
Dalevue	Pavilion refurbish/relocate						\$13,045				
Dalevue	Plantings for sound mitigation	S				\$1,400					
Dalevue	Multi-purpose playing field grading and hydroseeding					\$9,300					
Fogleman Fields											
Millbrook Marsh											
Nittany Orchard	Gazebo (refurbish & landscape)					\$5,000					

Oak Hall										
Slab Cabin	Upper pavilion (refurbish)					\$10,000				
Slab Cabin	Replace play and fitness equipment				\$65,000					
Slab Cabin	Master plan development					\$60,000				
Spring Creek	Basketball and tennis court repave and fence	G	\$190,000	\$190,000						
Spring Creek	Pavilion		\$10,000	\$10,000						
Spring Creek	Benches (repair/replace/move)					\$2,000				
Spring Creek	Landscaping	G					\$20,000			
Spring Creek	Walking path to Puddintown Rd				\$6,000			\$13,000		
Thompson Woods Preserve	Educational kiosk		\$1,000	\$1,000						
Thompson Woods Preserve	Reforestation		\$5,000	\$5,000	\$10,000					
Regional Park Totals			206000	206000	81000	87700	20000	13000		0
TOTAL			268450	244110	112085	210450	64286	26150		0



Parks and Recreation Report

Date: January 2026

Park Name: Nittany Orchard

Park Rep: Sittler

This is a first report from Sittler as the new overseer of Nittany Orchard. The steps on the play equipment need the most immediate repair. The other items can be done as time allows.

- Metal steps on play equipment is peeling and a hazard
- Pole is probably for tetherball. Ball to be added in Spring
- Gazebo will need refinishing/painting at some point
- Trash can needs replacing

Of note was multiple deer droppings; nothing to be done about that.





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January 27, 2026

Mrs. Susan Smith
PO Box 1026
Lemont, PA 16851

Dear Sue,

We are pleased that you are continuing your service as a member of an Authority, Board, and Commission in College Township. At their January 5, 2026 Reorganization Meeting, the College Township Council authorized your appointment to the College Township Parks & Recreation Committee to a full five-year term with an expiration date of December 31, 2030.

On behalf of College Township Council, please accept our appreciation for the time you will donate to Parks & Recreation matters. Furthermore, we appreciate your commitment to making College Township a most desirable place to live and work.

Sincerely,

Katy J. VanAmburg
Assistant Township Secretary

cc: CT Parks & Rec

FirstEnergy Community Tree Program

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Green Team

As part of FirstEnergy's commitment to building a more sustainable future, we are offering **FREE** tree-planting opportunities for communities and non-profit organizations throughout our service territory. From tree selection to planting and clean-up, our Green Team employee volunteers will help promote responsible use of natural resources and advance sustainable practices in your community.

Program Highlights

- Materials for plantings, including tree saplings, are provided at no cost from FirstEnergy.
- Our Green Team volunteers will plant trees in public areas, such as state and local parks.
- Additional complementary volunteer services, such as trail maintenance and park cleanup, are available.

Program Logistics

- Trees supplied are normally of bareroot variety or small pots. Our tree specialists can assist with tree selection and planting recommendations.
- Participating organizations agree that trees will not be planted in an area that could conflict with overhead utility lines.
- Prior to the planting event, organizations should mark where individual trees are to be planted using flags, spray paint or other means. Please call your local One Call organization at 8-1-1 at least three days in advance to have underground utility lines marked.
- Participating organizations are expected to direct and supervise volunteers.
- Participating organizations are expected to water and care for the saplings for the first 3 years after a planting. The first 3 years is vital to the success of young trees.

To be considered for participation in the tree planting program, complete the attached questionnaire and submit it to your local FirstEnergy External Affairs consultant. Completed documents can also be emailed to GreenTeam@firstenergycorp.com.

Together, we can make a difference in our communities.



FirstEnergy Community Tree Program Questionnaire

Organization Name

501c(3) tax ID (If applicable)

Address of Organization

Contact name

Email

Phone number

Requested Date of Event

Location of volunteer event

Shipping address for supplies

Number of saplings requested

Requested tree species

Is the site accessible by vehicle?

Required mark outs will be completed by

Are trees for planting, giveaway or both?

Are protective sleeves and stakes needed? No Yes

Number of FirstEnergy volunteers requested

Will the organization also have volunteers? No Yes If so, how many?

Will equipment be supplied (shovels, etc.) for FirstEnergy volunteers? No Yes